

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION
PURSUANT TO REVISED 37 CFR § 1.121**

Please amend the specification as follows:

1. Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 2 of page 16 with the following amended paragraph:

In one embodiment of the present invention, as shown in Fig. 5, a seal 10 having a textured sealing surface comprises a mounting ring 20. A seal ring 30 is bonded to the mounting ring 20 and the seal ring 30 has an inner peripheral edge 34 and outer peripheral edge 32 and a contact surface 36 between the inner and outer peripheral edges. A plurality of circumferentially located protrusions are formed on the contact surface. In this embodiment, a recess is formed within at least a portion of the plurality of protrusions 41 and preferably a recess 42 is formed within all of the protrusions 41. The protrusions 41 improve both the seal lubrication and the wear resistance by distributing more oil lubricant at the seal interface and by interfering with the entering front of dirt and debris particles. The formation of a recess 42 within the protrusion 41 is preferred because the oil trapped in the recess 42 is distributed to the contact surface 36 as the seal 10 oscillates back and forth. This additional lubricant present in the recess 42 is delivered directly to the contact band of the interface between the contact surface 36 and the surface that the contact surface is biased against. Consequently, the formation of the recess 42 within the protrusion 41 improves the lubrication and reduces friction.

2. Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 17 of page 16 with the following amended paragraph:

In one embodiment of the present invention, the plurality of protrusions 41 desirably have one of a cylindrical or a conical shape, and preferably a cylindrical shape. The plurality of protrusions 41 also have a cross sectional configuration desirably selected from one of polygon, circle, ellipse or combinations thereof. Preferably the protrusions 41 have a cross sectional configuration of a circle. In this embodiment, the recess 42 desirably has one of a cylindrical or a conical shape, and preferably a cylindrical shape. The recess 42 also has a cross sectional

configuration desirably selected from one of polygon, circle, ellipse or combinations thereof, and preferably a circle.

3. Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 25 of page 16 with the following amended paragraph:

In one embodiment of the present invention, the plurality of protrusions 41 are identical to one another in shape and size. It is desirable to have the protrusions 41 which are the same in shape and size because the protrusions provide a point of intensified contact and aid in redirecting incoming dirt and debris particles out of the contact band 4 (see, Fig. 1) of the contact surface 36 (see, Fig. 5) and direct the incoming dirt and debris particles into the low pressure areas. Further, the protrusions 41 are preferably identical to one another in size because they provide a continuous seal surface even in the absence of additional contact pressure.

4. Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 3 of page 17 with the following amended paragraph:

In the preferred embodiment, at least a portion of the plurality of protrusions 41 are oriented in a direction perpendicular to the contact surface 36, and preferably all the protrusions are oriented in a direction perpendicular to the contact surface 36.